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The student activities preparing one for work beyond the four walls of the school room are numerous. The work done by the students attending this year has been invaluable. Through the fact that the certificate to teach is granted, one can push ahead preparing himself to teach and be useful through a larger scholarship and training instead of preparing to take a teacher's examination. Again, the religious spirit prevailing about the school is remarkably fine. The members of the faculty are church workers. The churches of the city are always open, the membership cordial, showing many special courtesies to the students, providing Sunday school classes and socials for them.

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#### NEW CATALOG.

The new catalog is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution in a few days. It will be mailed free to persons requesting it. It gives full information concerning the different courses of study.

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#### THE FALL SESSION.

The Fall Session opens Tuesday, September 7, 1915.  
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### INSTITUTE NUMBER.

The institute season is at hand. We are giving this number of the Normal Letter over to its interest. We hope that the Letter may reach every former student who may attend institutes this season. We have tried to make it helpful and suggestive. We are sure that every former student of the Normal will go to the institute determined to champion some vital cause and to co-operate heartily with the county superintendent and the instructors in the accomplishment of some great thing in the interest of the childhood and citizenship of the State. We believe every thorough-going student will go to the institute prepared to do some good work and to do it in a magnificent way; that he will carry the Normal spirit with him, going fully prepared and offering no excuses.

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#### SOME INSTITUTE SUGGESTIONS.

It would be an excellent thing to champion a movement on attendance. From the county superintendent's office reports on the school attendance can be secured. If you did not inform yourself while here in the county delegation work, it could be done after the order worked out here by the students.

A post card addressed to the Department of Education at Washington, D. C., would get you Bulletin No. 20 of 1913, on Illiteracy in the United States. It would be a good thing to be informed on this matter. This bulletin discusses, also, the problem of Night Schools, and would give you some valuable suggestions there.

It would be a good thing to bring out a discussion of those things that the teacher ought to do and can do beyond the lids of his book. We think a discussion of those things would be very valuable. Such as improving the house by oiling floors, providing curtains, cleaning,

improving the boards, painting, providing a water cooler, etc., improving the grounds by cleaning, planting flowers, planting trees, fencing, making walks, improving the out-buildings, using lime, sanitary living and similar topics; in aiding the community by showing how to make a King's drag for road work, holding an exhibition of work produced by children in their homes, conducting night schools, holding discussions among the people in the community about agriculture, use of fertilizer, etc.

In this connection write the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C., for some bulletins, especially bulletins on alfalfa, fertilizers and such. Write the State Board of Health at Bowling Green for copies of the paper on sanitary out-buildings, and septic tanks, etc.

Your county superintendent will be glad, if opportunity affords itself, to hear from you along the lines of investigation suggested above.

One could make a careful study of some phase of the Course of Study. Write to State Superintendent Barksdale Hamlett, requesting copies of the Course of Study; also write to two or three other States asking for copies of their Courses of Study. Then you can make comparisons and be able to speak as one having authority. It would be a good thing also to devise some feasible scheme whereby the records of the several schools can be kept more successfully and turned over to the succeeding teacher. Write to County Superintendent R. L. McFarland at Owensboro, requesting printed matter concerning the things that they have been doing to induce teachers to teach several terms in the same school. In that county they increase the salary of such teachers.

If you have something good that you worked out while attending the Normal that you can do well and present well, let your county superintendent know about it. It may be possible that he could and would want to use the matter.

#### TO LOYAL WORKERS.

From votes taken at the chapel, it is safe to say that over ninety per cent. of our students get their first impulse to attend the Normal from friendly, personal touch with loyal students. Advertisements and catalogs help, but fine, loyal students are almost everything in increasing the attendance at the Normal. The Normal has been more fortunate than most schools, we believe, in the spirit of its students; they are all boosters.

We are going to throw the responsibility of maintaining and increasing the attendance on you as former students. Money that might have been spent in sending out paid representatives will be converted into physical and spiritual equipment that you and your friends may

have a more genuine and loyal service when you come for work. We are sure you will be glad to co-operate with others in holding a meeting of former students at the institute to organize and plan to accomplish some good thing for your county and to induce friends to become students in your State Normal School. May we count on you to send us the largest delegation of students that has ever attended from your county? Please send us the names and addresses of all prospective students, and a complete list of the names and addresses of the teachers of your county.

#### SOME GOOD REASONS FOR ATTENDING THE WESTERN NORMAL.

Tuition is free to all who agree to teach as long as they are in attendance at the Normal. The school belongs to the State and therefore to all of us. It is not run as a money-making scheme, but for a better teaching body for the State, and through better teaching for a better citizenship for the Commonwealth.

The school offers both academic and professional courses. Our graduates have entered eight or ten State Universities and other universities as juniors; some winning an A. B. degree in less than two years. The school is prepared to give and is at liberty to offer the year of college entrance work preparatory to entering medical college.

Students preparing to teach get good positions. Some of our graduates of this year will receive over \$1,000 next year, and many of our women graduating this year will receive \$650 for their services next year.

Visitors are struck with the large per cent. of men in attendance. Fully two-fifths of the students are men. This assures virility in the classes and class work. We believe strong men and women working together insures the highest efficiency.

The fact of large numbers enables us to command great lectures and entertainments impossible to the small school. These become sources of culture of inestimable value to those in attendance.

The school is not transient. Its record and its name will remain. The transient school leaves no traces of value to those who have attended it; nothing to which to be loyal, nothing to attain, nothing to stand for, or to stand for you.

The site is a great source of inspiration, admired by all who look upon it; a great school with a great view from every window, porch and angle. Then a great spirit of democracy prevails among the student body and the faculty. We know no aristocracy except that of faithful effort. The spirit of harmony and enthusiasm is on every hand.